



CITY OF LONG BEACH

COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN

"... where the voices of youth matter"



MINUTES September 28, 2005

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Batton, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:07 pm, in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Present:

Pierre Batton, 1st District Representative, Co-Chair
Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Amber Hines, *9th District Youth*
Helen Ingram, *Education*
Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*
Harry Koulos, *3rd District Youth*
Mackenzie Martin, *5th District Youth*
Jeanetta McAlpin, *Social Services*
Phillip Penn, *8th District Youth*

Victor Perez, *Health*
Lauren Perry, *2nd District Youth*
Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*
Kevin Scott, *Youth Enrichment*
Mary Soth, *Early Childhood Development*
Crystal Palatto, *7th District Youth*
Jessica Quintana, *Parent*

Absent:

Sotheara Chhay, *6th District Youth*
Jon Meyer, *LBUSD Board Member (excused)*
Chelsii Summerville, *4th District Youth (excused)*

Staff:

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Dan Hendricks, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Christina Santos, Research and Data Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests:

Cecile Walters, Workforce Development
Veronica Servin, *8th District Representative*
Vicky Casillas, *7th District Representative*
Summer Hansen, Children's Day

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve the August 24, 2005 Commission on Youth and Children minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS

The Co-Chairs welcomed the new Commissioner, Crystal Palatto, representative of the 7th District.

Commissioner Isozaki spoke about the proposed Mayoral Candidates Forum and that they will have the forum on March 2, 2006 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Long Beach City Council Chambers. The forum will be youth led and have three youth moderators – Co-Chair Pierre Batton, and Commissioners Mackenzie Martin and Harry Koulos. He also addressed issues that he would like to see addressed in the next year.

Commissioner Quintana talked about Centro CHA events, the 15th Annual Imagen Awards, and her desire to invite the other Commissioners to these types of events.

Commissioner Rothenberg reviewed a award and panel that discussed the Enough is Enough telethon, and a segment on the CYC.

Andrew Romero discussed the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women, and made sure all the female teen Commissioners knew they were invited.

The Commission on Youth and Children presented a gift to Cynthia Fogg for her efforts in getting Long Beach selected as one of America's Promise 100 Best Communities for Young People. Cynthia mentioned her hope that Co-Chair Batton could attend the award celebration in D.C.

The Commissioners also gathered for a group photo outside.

Summer Hansen arrived later in the meeting and was given some time, in which she addressed the Commission regarding Children's Day. She brought a copy of a grant application that she did for the Jesse Roberts Foundation that she hoped would answer any questions the Commission had. She also brought pictures from previous Children's Day events.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

As usual, the Superintendent's report was included in the agenda packet.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Co-Chair Batton talked about his segment on Cool Kids and how it led to an invitation to a fundraiser for Cal State L.A. He will also be honored at a Lights On Afterschool event.

Co-Chair Turrentine discussed the fact that the City Council passed the CYC's revised recommendations and that they were now awaiting more requests for input from the Long Beach City Council.

VI. REPORTS

a. Committees

I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Commissioners Turrentine and Batton, Co-Chairs

The Executive Committee did not meet.

II. PROFILE PROJECT COMMITTEE

The Profile Project Committee did not meet.

III. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Committee Co-Chairs Chhay and McAlpin

The Public Relations Committee presented some logo ideas for the Commission to review. Due to the desire to get the logo on any outgoing America's Promise materials, it was deemed important to get a logo approved as soon as possible.

It was moved by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Commissioner Isozaki to place an emergency item on the agenda for this evening. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Commissioner Isozaki to approve the first logo design. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rothenberg discussed the possibility of getting this logo placed on T-shirts for the Commission.

b. Standing Items

I. Education and Youth Strategic Plan

There were no comments on the plan at this meeting.

II. District Level Youth Advisory Councils

Report on DLYAC meetings

Andrew Romero and the various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils.

District 1 Discussed compiling their journals in videos from their trip through several of the Southern states.

District 2 Discussed potential community activities.

District 3 Discussed methods of publicizing the DLYAC to increase membership.

District 4 Looking for methods to increase membership.

District 5 Watched the First Vote video, discussed methods of increasing membership.

District 6 Did Not Meet

District 7 Discussed potential community activities, including a possible mural project.

District 8 Discussed FEMA's response to hurricane Katrina, and discussed methods of helping out.

District 9 Did Not Meet

III. Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force (Sep 12)

The Task Force is starting Phase 2, and easing down on the number of people at the Task Force, but they also want a CYC Youth Representative on the Task Force. Discussion amongst the Commissioners concluded that it might be best to have two members join so that if one could not attend, there would still be a representative.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Isozaki to place an emergency item on the agenda for this evening. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Batton and seconded by Commissioner Soth to appoint Commissioners Penn and Koulos as the youth representatives from the CYC to the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force.

They had a retreat meeting during Phase 1, and now that they have stated Phase 2, they want another retreat. Commissioner Rothenberg also discussed a recent peace march and a peace mentoring workshop.

Commissioner Rothenberg also talked about a new policy wherein students and staff must wear their student IDs when on campus. He also discussed pending legislation that would make kindergarten mandatory.

IV. Long Beach Youth Fund

Representatives from Youth Venture, an affiliate with Volunteers of America presented a proposal wherein the Long Beach Youth Fund would be merged with Youth Venture.

They discussed the various issues involved in merging the two programs, and requested Commission input on how best to do so. Discussion focused primarily on the selection process and the dynamics of how winners are selected.

It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Quintana to authorize staff to develop a draft MOU with Youth Venture and proceed with collaborative efforts. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming –

Outgoing –

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Harbor Commission** – Awaiting funding request status
- b. **CYC Annual Report, January 04-December 04, including the *Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children* (July 05)**

Methods for implementing the approved recommendations were discussed, with the idea of a small group going over each one to ensure that the Commission acted to acknowledge that they had been passed, and taking action where needed.

It was moved by Commissioner Batton and seconded by Commissioner Penn to create a Special Implementation Committee to ensure that the Commission implements the approved recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Mayoral Candidate Forum**
The Mayoral Candidates Forum Special Planning Committee is setting a date/time for their meetings.
- d. **Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget**
- e. **Dialogue on Commission's Calendar of Future Topics for 2006** – The Commissioners plan to discuss possible future topics at the October meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Batton and seconded by Commissioner Penn to adjourn the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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